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NOTE FOR: Acting Director

FROM: Dave Gries

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SUBJECT: Pep Talk from Senator Baker on 12 March 1987

Will Ball convened a meeting of agency and department Congressional affairs directors and to everyone's surprise produced Senator Baker, who gave an elegant, humorous and cogent talk. He said that we were all on the same team, the President's core of conviction was undiminished, the White House was pressing an extensive legislative agenda led by welfare reform and Central American policy, and the White House needed from us early warning of legislative problems. Senator Baker also said that over the weekend he expected to review modest proposals for a restructuring of the White House staff. After Senator Baker left, Will Ball talked briefly about coordination of legislative strategies, emphasized the point on early warning and thanked us for our continued support.

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